

**Denial of Request for Extension of
Small Refinery Temporary Exemption
Under the Renewable Fuel Standards Program
for**

(b) (4)

**Contains Information Claimed by
(b) (4) to be
Confidential Business Information**

Office of Transportation and Air Quality

EPA received a petition from (b) (4) dated August 31, 2016, for a one year extension of the RFS small refinery exemption for the (b) (4) for obligation year 2015. On September 15, 2016, (b) (4) submitted another “letter Redacted Material Not Subject to Review Per Court’s 7/23/2020 Minute Order to support its previously-submitted 2015 petition.” For the reasons described herein, EPA is denying (b) (4) request for a one year extension of (b) (4) small refinery exemption for 2015.

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V. Conclusion

Section 211(o)(9)(B) of the CAA and 40 CFR 80.1441(e)(2) allow EPA to grant an extension of a small refinery's exemption based on a demonstration by the small refinery of a "disproportionate economic hardship" from compliance with the RFS requirements. Based on our analysis of all of the available information about the (b) (4), and our consultation with DOE, EPA has concluded that (b) (4) will not experience "disproportionate economic hardship" in complying with the RFS requirements. Therefore, EPA is denying (b) (4) request for a temporary extension of the (b) (4) small refinery hardship exemption for 2015.

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